



Recruit Review

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**"Nearly all men
can stand adversity,
but if you
want to test a
man's character,
give him power."**

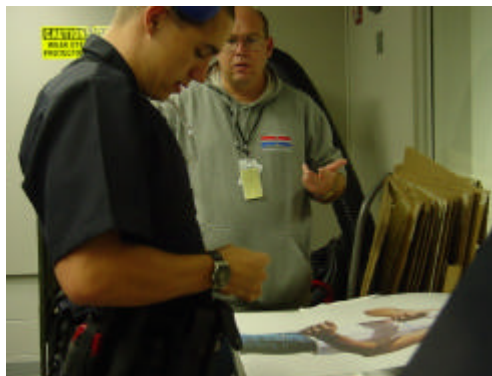
-Abraham Lincoln

Searching For The Facts



Recruits from the Police Corps are always there to give a helping hand to others that are not sure what they are doing.

Recruit Powell demonstrates the correct way to keep the baton in our hands during DAAT teach backs. Sgt. Hefti is ever watchful to judge our progress.



Sgt. DeFrang reminds Recruit Geiszler the importance of loading his weapon before shooting at the range.

"Who Done It"



By: Cherise McFarlane

We finished our instruction on crimes against property Tuesday morning with Sgt. Page. Our topic was robberies, how to respond to them and the proper way to collect evidence. Sgt. Page stressed the importance of keeping the crime scene pristine and following procedures to help solve the crime. We also need to keep the victims in

mind. Whether the robbery happened at a business or a home, the victims and witnesses can be greatly affected by the experience.

Once the instruction had been completed in the morning, Sgt. Page wanted us to apply the skills we had learned. We started the two-day sequence of crime scene case studies with two scenes. The class separated into three groups to investigate the scenes. We were to investigate the scenes and come to a conclusion of who was at fault.

The first scene was a burglary of a business. We had to apply our skills of evidence collection, photography, and interviewing. After careful investigation of the scene, all groups

concluded that the owner had staged the break-in. The other scene was a death investigation. We again applied our learned techniques to put together the many pieces of the puzzle. All the groups concluded that foul play was part of the scene and the husband had murdered his wife.

We were all sad that our time is coming to a close with Sgt. Page. We have learned a lot regarding crime scene investigations. Our experiences at the scenes pointed out some good techniques we have learned and exposed other areas that need more practice. Working the case studies makes us more comfortable with investigations and we were glad to know we came to the correct conclusions.

Crime Scene Case Studies



By: Ryan Meader

For our second day of case studies Sergeant Page and Sergeant Anibas recreated three crimes scenes, two of which were outside. Each of the crime scenes were actual cases and they were all solvable. The question was if the recruits would be able to break the case.

The recruits formed new four person teams from the day before. Like the day before our teams consisted of an Incident Commander who was our interviewer, a photographer, sketch artist who also took measurements, and an

evidence technician.

The first case was of a sexual assault of a male college student. For this case half of the class became victims and the other half were interviewers. The interviewers had to take an interview from a male college student who had been sexually assaulted by another unknown male. This became challenging due to the fact that the victim did not want to talk about it and was very embarrassed about the situation. In the end the goal was for the officer to have had a successful interview, gotten a witness statement and collected evidence from the victims home.

The second case was a double murder in the woods near the academy. On arrival the teams only knew of one murder. Through interviewing a hunter who found the body and the neighbor, the teams discovered that the murderer had been there two nights prior and was scared off by a hunter. Through a search of the area the second body was found. This body was decomposed and

was the start of a new crime scene. In the end the goal was to find both bodies and gain as much information as possible from the hunter and neighbor and collect the evidence that was scattered around the area.

The last case of the day for the recruits to solve was of a homicide in the trunk of a car located in the back parking lot of a hotel. Through the investigations we learned the identity of the body and that the man was dead because of a bad drug deal. This case was interesting because one key to solving the crime was finding that the victim had written his killers name on the inside of the trunk where he died.

Throughout the investigations Sergeant Page and Sergeant Anibas made great actors as everything from our witnesses to our victims drug dealing friends. They also made sure that none of the teams got off track in their investigations. Wednesday was just another successful day of fighting crime at the academy.

Crimes Against Children



By: David Walters

During the passed 17 weeks at the academy, we have learned a lot about crimes and how to deal with adults. On Thursday October 17, 2002, we were introduced to crimes against people. Sergeant Anibas of the Eau Claire Police Department, who has taught us many topics in the past, was the instructor for this course.

Crimes against children are very hard to deal with. They do not have the ability to defend themselves against people that are bigger than

them. Police officers have to go to these crimes with a rational, calm attitude. Even if you would like to get revenge for the child you cannot. We started out the day dealing with these issues and going over the state statutes for crimes against children (948 and 48). Officers have to know what laws pertain to each case so that they can charge the suspect with the correct law. We broke up into groups and went through examples of cases, and had to try to figure out what statutes would apply to each case.

The second half of the day started out with a video. This video had a Medical Examiner that was showing slides and teaching a class. She was explaining the different signs of child abuse, and what cops to look for. We felt that the video was excellent because it gave us a chance to look at abused children and see what we need to look for. Many times, abuse is over looked and never reported.

We have been lucky enough to

have two great sergeants from the Eau Claire PD teaching us throughout the past 17 weeks. They have shared a great deal with us and given us lots of tools to use when we are out of the academy. Because of this we are now better able to handle crimes involving children.



Week In Review



By: William McCormick

This past week we were able to go through four hours of DAAT review. We were able to stand up in front of the class and go through teach backs of each of the major topics in the Intervention Options.

We also had eight hours of OMVWI scenarios. We were able to respond to a call of a possible drunk driver and were able to pull the vehicle

over and go through the steps we would do on that type of stop.

We also went over crimes against persons and crimes against property with Sgt. Anibas and Sgt. Page from the Eau Claire Police Department. We then were able to go through two days of crime scene case studies. We were able to do every step of working a crime scene. We also had two days of crimes against children. We learned the correct way to approach a child assault situation and how to look into the elements of each crime to find the correct one.

This weekend we have Civil Disturbance and Police Ethics training with Lt. Marcou from the La Crosse Police Department and Traffic Law teach backs.

Next week we have four days of Community Oriented Policing with Sgt. Darden from the Monona Police

Department. We always look forward to our time with Sgt. Darden. We also have Martial Arts and Boxing. Another high point of next week will be our Police Corps Arrest and Control test out with Sgt. Hefti. We are all in high spirits for another educational and fun week at the Wisconsin Police Corps Academy.

